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DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
CLARK WISSLER, PH.D., CURATOR
PLINY E. GODDARD, PH.D.,
CURATOR OF ETHNOLOGY

Dear Sir:

Recently we had some dealings with a Mr. P. N. Breton, 215 St. Catherine Street, West, Montreal, Canada, who called on me personally. While here I inquired about a set of Hudson Bay trade tokens. Mr. Breton replied that he had such a set and would be glad to submit them to us on approval. There are four of them. The price is $20. After considering the matter we have concluded that we ought not to venture into this most interesting portion of the numismatic field. Are you in need of such a set? I shall wait to hear from you before returning them to their owner.

Very sincerely yours,

P. E. Goddard

Curator of Ethnology.

Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York City.

February 27, 1917.

American Museum of Natural History,
77th Street & Central Park West,
New York.

Dear Mr. Goddard:-

Your favor of February 26th at hand. We have here is our collection, the four Hudson's Bay tokens and consequently do not care to purchase these pieces. The price, by the way, is rather high as a large find was made of these some years ago. They are not perhaps, quite as interesting as they would appear on the surface, as there is much doubt whether they were really used; at any rate their use was very limited.

We are in receipt of two of Mr. Breton's books on Canadian Coins from you. Are these a gift or simply for our approval?

Thanking you very much for your consideration, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.